

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COONAMBLE ON MONDAY 4th
DECEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 11:00AM**

PRESENT: Cllr D. Batten, Cllr P Cullen and Cllr Z Holcombe, Cllr B Fisher, Cllr G Whiteley, Cllr I Woodcock and Cllr D Todd, Cllr N Kinsey, Cllr M Cooke and Cllr G Peart.

ABSENT: Nil

STAFF MEMBERS: M. Urquhart (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Biosecurity Officer), R Wilson (Administration Services Officer), CMCC Bio Security Officers Carl Molloy, Kevin Watling, John Miller, Mathew Savage, Jason Williams and Todd Pallister, LLS.

WELCOME: Meeting was opened at 11:00am and Chairman Cllr D Batten welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- Nil

Presentation.

Mr. Todd Pallister from LLS gave an update on the Hudson Pear Containment program, including landowner/land manager consultation. Mr. Pallister also provided information on the extent of the Hudson fire that destroyed thousands of hectares of bushland in the Narren Reserve and around the Glengarry and Sheepyards opal mining reserve.
The effect on the Hudson Pear would not be known for some time.

08/23/01 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 30th October 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 30th August 2023, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cllr Todd

Seconded: Cllr Whiteley

Carried

08/23/02 Minutes of North West & Central West Regional Weeds Committee Meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the North West and Central West Regional Weeds Committee Meeting be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Holcombe

Seconded: Cllr Fisher

Carried

08/23/03 Correspondence**Resolved:**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Whiteley

Seconded: Clr Kinsey

Carried

The 2022/2023 Audited Financial Reports were presented (via telephone link) to Council by Mr Brett Hanger, Nexia Australia.

08/23/04 2022/2023 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and adopt the Audited Financial Reports together with Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Whiteley

Carried

Clr Kinsey asked why the superannuation for 2022/23 was more than the previous year when salaries were much lower.

The General Manager took the question on notice and advised he would report back to Councillors with an explanation.

08/23/05 Chairman's Report – December 2023**Resolved:**

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Holcombe

08/23/06 Council's Decision Action Report – December 2023**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for December 2023 be received and noted

Moved: Clr Todd

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

08/23/07 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 23-13 to 23-14 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Kinsey

Carried

08/23/08 Cash and Investment Report – 31st October 2023**Resolved:**

That the investment report for 31st October 2023 received and noted.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Cullen

Carried

08/23/09 Adoption of Organisation Structure**Resolved:**

That Council receives and adopts the Organisation Structure as presented.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Todd

Carried

08/23/10 Government Information Public Access Act – Annual Report

Resolved:

That;

1. The Administration Officer's report be received.
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2022/2023.
3. The information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2022/2023 Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Holcombe

Seconded: Clr Whiteley

08/23/11 PID Annual Report

Resolved:

That;

1. The Administration Officer's report be received.
2. Council adopt the 2022/2023 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cooke

08/23/12 Annual Report

Resolved:

That Council formally adopts its Annual Report for 2022/2023.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Peart

07/23/13 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings and Events

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Cullen

Carried

Clr Whiteley suggested CMCC consider hosting a field day type event, involving various services including LLS, for community awareness and education on the correct identification, reporting, and treatment methods for targeted noxious weed, African Boxthorn. It was also suggested that a physical demonstration for noxious weed treatment be included as well as a flyer detailing private works/services available.

All CMCC Councillors, were in favour of this suggestion and it was decided that this event be organised for February/March 2024 in Warren, with the possibility of a second similar field day in Coonamble.

Senior Bio Security Officer Andrea Fletcher to look into organising the field day event.

08/23/14 Quarterly Biosecurity Report

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cooke

Carried

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Monday 26th February 2024 in Coonamble

Deputy Chairman Clr Bill Fisher, presented Bio Security Officer Mr Mathew Savage, with a Certificate of Appreciation *for his outstanding achievements and dedication to the Hudson Pear Programme and continued contribution to the on-going control of noxious weeds in NSW.*

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:20pm

Chairman

General Manager

DRAFT